

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22 (cancelled)

Claim 23 (previously amended): An adjustable clip assembly, comprising:

- . first and second jaw portions, said jaw portions having first ends that are joined together and second ends that are spread apart so as to define a receiving area;

- a live hinge connecting said first ends of said jaw portions at a common base, said jaw portions and said live hinge being formed as a unitarily molded structure of a resiliently flexible material;

- first and second, raised engagement surfaces formed on said second ends of said jaw portions on opposite sides of said receiving area;

- an adjustment mechanism for adjustably urging said engagement surfaces on said jaw portions into gripping engagement with an article positioned within said receiving area, said adjustment mechanism comprising:

- a threaded shaft that spans said first and second jaw portions at mid areas intermediate said engagement surfaces and said live hinge; and

- a finger operated knob that is in operative engagement with said shaft so as to urge said first and second jaw portions together in response to tightening of said knob; and

- at least one stop member positioned between said jaw portions so as to prevent said mid-areas of said jaw portions from collapsing towards one another beyond a predetermined minimum spacing as said finger operated knob is tightened, said stop member comprising:

- a raised projection formed on said shaft for bearing against an inner surface of said mid-area of at least one of said jaw portions so as to limit movement of said jaw portion as said finger operated knob is tightened.

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Claims 24-25 (cancelled)